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With respect to the amendments to the specification, these amendments were filed on February 13, 2001 – at the time the application was filed.

On July 5, 2001, the PTO required submission of a new specification. That is why the changes do not align with the specification. It would be appreciated if the PTO would acknowledge and take responsibility for confusion caused by its own delay in acting on the case.

The changes have now been made to the replacement specification. To the same end, the changes set forth at page 3 of the office action have also been made.

Claims 41-50 replace pending claims 32-40. Claims 41 et seq. recite SEQ ID NOS: 14-18. The applicants request to delete SEQ ID NOS: 15-18 from the claims has NOT been followed. As noted previously, applicants traverse the restriction requirement and intend to petition from it if it is not withdrawn. The right to petition at any time was preserved via the traverse.


Claim 49 is supported by the disclosure at page 28 of the replacement specification lines 8-12. All of SEQ ID NOS: 14-18 satisfy these requirements, as the specification makes clear.

It is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance.

As noted, should the restriction NOT withdrawn, and all of claims 41-49 be considered concurrently, petition will be filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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